

9/30/18 | Keep it Simple: Built Up In Christ



"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned."

—Galatians 1:8 | NIV

DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever gotten into a theological debate? Who was it with and what was it about? How important was it that you "win" the debate... that you were "right"?
2. What is a difference between debating theology and standing up against false doctrine?

3. Consider this quote. What does it mean? Is it true? How often do you think people equate sharing the Gospel to winning an argument? Why?

"The gospel is not a debate or a list of things to believe. The gospel is a person. Jesus Christ is the gospel. He is the truth. He is the point. He embodies all of the salvation/redemption/forgiveness/freedom stuff Himself, and because He is a personality, He does not require doctrinal mastery to connect with an individual."
—Carl Medearis

4. What stuck out to you from Colossians 2? What stuck out to you from the sermon?

True vs False

5. Read Colossians 2:1-15. If all you knew about salvation came from these verses, what would you know?
6. How can you use these verses to spot true teachings versus false ones?

7. Read Proverbs 8:17. What does this have to do with false teachings? How can believers keep from being caught by lies?

8. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21. What does it mean to “test” the prophecies? How does that relate to false teachings?

9. According to Hebrews 5:14, how can we be ready for the “solid food” of mature truths of God’s Word?

10. Read Galatians 1:8 (above). Does this seem overly harsh? Why or why not?

11. If you speak out against false teachings, how can you keep from getting caught in the need to be right? How can you hold to God’s Word and truth without relying on your opinion?

TAKEAWAY: Identify your philosophy.